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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;
and

I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **Method and Apparatus for Determining Oil in a Sample (as amended)**, the specification of which:

— is attached hereto.

was filed on September 26, 2000 under Attorney Docket No. 38-21(51482)/01322.0010.N and assigned Application Serial No. 09/670,085 and was amended on September 6, 2001 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of any application on which priority is claimed:

Country	Number	Date Filed	Priority Claimed
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States Provisional Applications listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability of the application as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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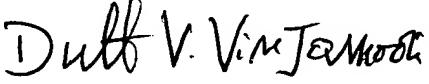
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